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Dear Sirs,

PM 1315, 1319, 1321 and 1322 Israel
Our files: 30588/89/90/91

NOTED

Our Israeli associates have received an official notification asking the applicant to submit prior art 'relied on' during prosecution of all corresponding applications. The deadline for such submission is 3rd April 1992.

We are already in a position to do this, although the manner in which the request is put suggests that the Israeli Patent Office does not wish to be burdened with a large number of references cited by the applicant in the US. We may therefore proceed on this basis in due time.

Our associate also advises, however, that this requirement is ongoing. In other words, the applicant is required to update this information at all stages prior to acceptance of the Israeli application or the termination of any opposition proceedings. This is something we have not had to do before, apart from the well-known requirement in the US. We are therefore looking into an internal procedure which will ensure that the Israeli Patent Office is notified every time a fresh action issues on a corresponding application citing fresh prior art.

We are also advised that the possibility of filing amendments to the claims should be considered when submitting the prior art information. Where appropriate, this may assist future prosecution in Israel.

Yours sincerely,

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